RECORDS SHOW LARGE INCREASE IN CRIME AMONG WOMEN

City of New York Leads in Feminine Defiance of Law and Order. but Wave Sweeps Entire Country.

MAZING is the growth of crime among women. With great ease and far less noise than the sex accomplished its entrance into the pohave so enlarged their circle of delinquencies that to-day they are carrying on what used to be essentially the tasks of men in the crooked under-

Their violations of the law now ar no longer confined to the few offenses for which women ten or twenty years ago ordinarily were made to answer in a court room. The women of vicious tendencies have "progressed" just as well as the women of high ideals. They have progressed at an alarming pace. It seems odd that it has not beer noted before. Whereas, a decade or so ago the average woman prisoner before the bar was arraigned upon some allied charge growing out of a forbidden profession—picking the pockets of a drunken man, shoplifting, receiving stolen goods and street brawling, for example--to-day she is standing trial as a highway robber, a burglar, forger, hotel swindler, a runner of contraband rum, a check raiser and, using the police term, a "guntoter."

Within the last five months a score

of women have answered to these charges in the New York courts alone. Several have appeared as defendants in higher grade crimes—mail rob beries and bond thefts, automobile larcenies and bank frauds

Women Crooks Country Over More Numerous Than Ever

What is true of New York is true, so it has been ascertained, of four other populous States. From authen-tic though unofficial statistics on the situation it is learned that more women are being committed to the prisons, reform schools and houses of correction in Massachusetts, New Jer-scy, Pennsylvania and Illinois than at any time before. The percentage of increased crime in these States is varying, and there are yet no tables from which an average can be struck, but enough is known to place the five States in the order of their contribu-tions to the social unrest which seems

to have been national in its character.

As is to be expected, New York, with its greatest population, is in the lead. Illinois and Pennsylvania, each contalning two huge cities, come next.

Massachusetts is fourth, but New
Jersey, for all its paucity of area, is crowding the Bay State in feminine defiance of law and order. There are obvious reasons why the quota of women criminals might be large in the congested States, but New Jersey requires study. Is it because she lies between two wicked neighbors? Is it that crime is infectious? May it not be that the Broadway White Lights of evil legend dazzle and tempt even across the river?

This question suggests another, deinto the ranks of professional crimi- the phenomena of the outer world as nals? Only women born with unusual shrewdness, with more than the con-

were to be blamed. Asked to specify failacies.

Several methods have been tried in just which economic conditions, ack

Gregory, director of the psychopathic one of 2,000 men who had served in the carmy and were sent to British universociate the bold criminal activities of the present day woman with her unrestricted movements in every other avenue. But with the nicety of the skillful surgeon he hastens to separate the tissues of his exposition of the crime impulse from the muscles of the crime impulse from the muscles of 7,176 superstitions, recorded by 875 of the crime impulse from the muscles of the crime impulse from the muscles of 7,176 superstitions, recorded by 875 of the crime impulse from the Musclesuth respectively.



DR. MENAS GREGORY, Alienist, Bellevue Hospital

with intelligence to use the ballot and t lettered house servant on down to the cial fabric of the nation the pernicious humblest, most superstitious, half- after effects of the world war. Quick witted field hand, so when one woman as has been the recovery of America shook off the shackles the freedom from the unrest entailed upon her by

fiber, observing the success attending upon the liberty of other women, get into the game, although the sole outlet for venting energy and enjoying freedom may be competing with men girl's arrest and commitment to a Or she hears of millions gained "Everybody, it seems, to the right and the left of her, is stealing. So she harm? The thing would be stolen anyhow. The thing would be stolen anyhow.

She has contested equality with in the more hazardous callings of man and won. The victory must go safe blowing, moonshining, making to the entire sex, not only to those with intelligence to use the ballot and banks?

went for all.

Very well, argues Dr. Gregory, since every woman has not a bent for politics, and since not all women the social scheme. Most vividly does have a taste for the counting room or he view it in his contemplation of are honest thoughts—to her. the executive ability to run a factory, sex problems. The familiarity beand since many more lack the tem-tween the sexes which marks sex relaperament for salesmanship, then why tions to-day as contrasted with the should not those women of coarser relations as maintained ten or fifteen

corrective institution. Then, unless through the simple process of taking the unfortunate first offender is a girl of sterling character, of undaunted spirit, possessed of vision and of hope. lift a block of \$100,000 securities these

as she began it.

"Many woman have the crime complex." said Dr. Gregory. "Don't misunderstand me; I am not saying that it is only women who have it. Indeed, there is a crime complex in all of us. What I am pointing out is that many women whom we least suspect have the crime complex. It is just a matter of how long they can keep their desires suppressed.

"Suppose a man has a feeling that he wants to set something on fire—populated country, especially a son.

and the illumination of the skies. But ing. that man also knows that arson is a "Nor must we overlook another ele-crime, for the commission of which ment in the new criminal indulgences altogether out of his mind.

a few minutes and then walk away and leave it to some other casual passerby to send in the alarm? He gives way to the emotions of the pyromaniac that he has always been. Yet all the while he deludes himself that there have been extenuating circumstances; that it was really noth-ing for him to ignite the second build-ing because undoubtedly it would have been embraced by the original flames.
"Thus it is with the woman afflicted

with the crime complex in its various steal. She may always have craved wealth, to be obtained at any sacri-fice. She may have for years triumphed over an appetite for strong drink. She may have battled hero-ically against various natural urges enters her own veins. She does not quite understand it, but she is sensi-tive to the sensation. The entire world

Thinks She May Steal Too

she soon becomes a second offender, embittered and hardened and eager to make crime a business, not a pastime, as she began it.

If a block of vision with the days: why not help herself when her employer's back is turned? Has she put aside temptation to drink because nice girls didn't do that sort of thing?

he wants to set something on fire—
for the thrill of seeing the fire apparatus dash by or for the mere pleasure of looking at the leaping flames

in times of tranquillity is far reach-

he may be sent to prison for years, on the part of women. It is an old He realizes that by setting a fire he element. It is an element responsible endangers lives, to take which he has for the misdeeds of many a woman no craving. So he controls his impulse to burn things; he combats the crime complex—the man into whose to the man into whose to the man into whose to the complex to the man into whose to the man into whose to the complex to thought and succeeds in putting it power she has fallen rightly or altogether out of his mind, wrongly. Much of the crime committed altogether out of his mind.

"Now suppose that some evening he is innocently walking down the street and he sees a building suddenly burst into flames, not of his own making. Here, then, is gratification of his most cherished desires. Here is opportunity to add to his sensation of delight. For years he has wanted to set fire to a building, but dared not. This is his chance. The entire block is going to burn anyhow: why not touch his matches to the building adjoining the one already ablaze, watch it flame for a few minutes and then walk away sistance of competent feminine partsistance of competent feminine part-

Does Not Think Women Sin Because Instigated

"The daily papers are full of cases where women have hired as maids and cooks wholly to set the stage for a remunerative robbery of their wealthy employers by a gang of men burglars. Women sit as blinds and decoys at the wheels of automobiles as their companions go inside a store or home to rob and perhaps murder. It is the woman member of the gang who enters a store, studies the interior ar-rangements and reports on the location of the office and the position of



Another explanation of woman's plunge into the crimes of enormity, such as housebreaking, forgery and grand larceny, is her discovery that the penalty for stealing a \$500 diamond ring in a Fifth avenue shop is but little heavier than the penalty for expension of the facts related as existing to the east and west of New purpleting a \$10d gold ring from a Very large from that the institution was rapidly filling up and now was sheltering a greater number of promoters and the institution was rapidly filling up and now was sheltering a greater number of promoters and the institution was rapidly filling up and now was sheltering a greater number of promoters and the institution was rapidly filling up and now was sheltering a greater number of promoters and the institution was rapidly filling up and now was sheltering a greater number of promoters and the institution was rapidly filling up and now was sheltering a greater number of promoters and the institution was rapidly filling up and now was sheltering a greater number of promoters and the institution was rapidly filling up and now was sheltering a greater number of promoters and the institution was rapidly filling up and now was sheltering a greater number of promoters and the institution was rapidly filling up and now was sheltering a greater number of promoters and the institution was rapidly filling up and now was sheltering a greater number of promoters and promote the safe in its-distance from door or window. It is the woman who stands duty as lookout on the corner while her partner commits a holdup or burglary.

"It would be interesting to know how many of the women crooks now making trouble for the police joined the criminal ranks at the institation making trouble for the police joined the criminal ranks at the institation making trouble for the police joined the criminal ranks at the institution of the women crooks now making trouble for the police joined the criminal ranks at the institution of the woman who used to sneak around the east and west of New York.

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making trouble for the police joined the criminal ranks at the instigation of husband or sweetheart as against those who have taken up crime as independent operators. That, however, is something that never will be known; no sir, not even if you could arrest all the women crooks in the United States and could stand them up against a wall and take the census. Why not? Because you could not believe them. I never saw a woman crook in my life, and I have seen hundreds of them, whose word you could take."

home has learned that the punishment, if detected, for taking Mrs. Bornell Mrs. Richard Rose's Riverside Drive apartment and bundling up real sliver and a costly for coat or two.

This inquiry into conditions which yielded the surprising information that he entrance of women into the crime around the entrance of women into the crime around the publication last week of a short paragraph relating to the Bedford Hills Reformatory to the Bedford Hills Reformatory to the Bedford Hills Reformatory for Women in Westchester county.

Woman of Brains Turning to Field of Forgery, Bond Thefts, Shop Lifting, Burglary and Pocket Picking.

prisoners to orphanages and religio-

More confidence is now placed in Be ford, or rather in the managemen.

There has not been any sort of an outtreak within more than a year. The discipline of the place, though remaining rigid, has been made to appear softened by carefully planned relief in the monotony of routine. Complaints from rehel-lious prisoners have almost entirely ceased. Consequently, the committing mugistrates in the city are turning once again to Bedford, and the institution is now getting cases which it would not have been asked to take a year or so

To-day there are in Bedford Hills 255 girls, thirty of whom were admitted last month, setting a record for the reformatory. Of course, these inmates are scarcely to be called criminals. Rather scarcely to be called criminals. Rather they are delinquents, averaging in age about 19 (only girls from 16 to 30 are sent to Bedford) and in intelligence averaging a trifle more than 11 years. Nevertheless, they must be considered in a discussion of crime among women, for these first offenders are largely representative of the type from which the toughened woman lawbreakers are developed.

Supt. Baker Reports Many Positions Open for Paroled Women

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At the same time, while many now in
Bedford might not have been sent there
a few months ago, being placed on probation instead, the bare circumstance of
the original arrest has a bearing on the
increase of crime among women. Major
Baker—Dr. Baker that is—he was a
major during the war and his job was
the mental observation of military prisoners—does not believe that the lack of
employment, or any of other so-called
"economic conditions," has a great deal
to do either with the swelling roster
of Bedford Hills or the heavy influx of
women into the prisons where are sent
the habitual criminals and those first
offenders guilty of important crime.
He submits that as the institution
has more offers of positions for girls
about to be released on parole than it
can fill, there can be no serious shortage
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of jobs for girls anywhere. Added to this convincing argument his experience with delinquents has told him that girls in the main go astray for but due of two reasons—either on account of cruel or careless rearing or because they preor careless rearing or because they pre-fer "the easiest way." If more women are turning to crime now than ever before, says Dr. Baker, it is because they are inherently vicious and have the deep rooted yearning of every born crook to get something for nothing. It is that desire, he says, to take all and give nothing in return that breeds erime.

Dr. Gregory, in the trend of women to-ward crimes of magnitude an after-math of the war. The nation's joyride in 1919, with its riotous high wages and high prices, he says, dazed a lot of women and they never have recovered consciousness. They have been unable to appreciate the law of average. They can't see why wages shouldn't now be as high, if not higher, and as for high

"That I'll leave to the world. So many

Under Ladder Is Unlucky The superstition of walking under "That I'll leave to the world. So not will be superstition of walking under you have material for this article."

and even the Arab looked for a bit of in all classes of races who claim to be coloring either in mane or fetlock to civilized. Why anybody, otherwise overcome the ingrained antipathy of sensible should pay money for a dirty, ages toward the use of a white horse canceled stamp with filegible lettering. for any menial purpose. The crossing is a puzzle to me. It is one to most in front of a funeral is either an indication of gross disrespect or aberra-tion, and that the beetle ticks the death one may assume that stamps are coling of death is an old Celtic fetish that has long since disappeared with the name implies and he begins literally

profound influence on belief. The ment of his nurse, and who cried thing feared draws the mental attentional justily when his trove was looted. tion so strongly as to induce belief in That child when he grows up ought its existence where a calmer mind never to be allowed to marry. It is would see nothing to justify such be-lief. Common superstitions owe much collecting buttons, cards of baseball

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Makes a Pest Out of Many a Man

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The emotion of fear exercises a the mattress of his crib, to the puzzle-

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The deductions of Dr. Menas S. Gregory, director of the psychopathic one of 2,000 men who had served in the

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It Requires Brains to Be

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Here Are Some Old-Time "Bugaboos" Familiar to Nearly Everybody



Walk under a ladder? Well, hardly. Whistle at Lea and bring on a gale. It's sure unlucky to spill the salt. "I've found a horseshoe-